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Claims 1-49 are currently pending in the application. Claims 41-48 have been cancelled. No other amendments have been made by this response.

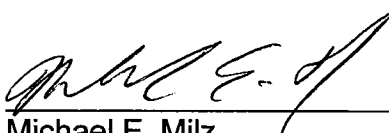
In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-40 and 49 have been allowed. Further discussion of these claims is therefore unnecessary.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 41-45, 47 and 48 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,583,391 to Cox et al. Claim 46 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,479,497 to Fogarty et al.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) are respectfully traversed. The rejected claims have nevertheless been cancelled.

As a consequence, the application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is now earnestly requested. If for any reason the Examiner is not able to allow the application, he is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4273.

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